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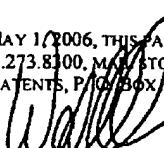
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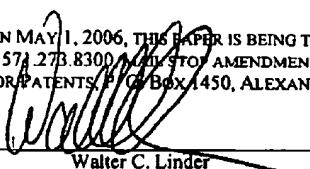
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This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 30, 2006, and includes the following sections:

1. Amendment of the Specification (page 2)
2. Amendments and Listing of Claims (pages 3-7)
3. Remarks (pages 8-10)

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